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Increase of plague.

Of the 76,000 deaths recorded for the week ended April 20, 47,000 occurred in the Punjab. This number is 8,000 more than for the week ended April 13, 13,000 more than for the week ended April 6, and 10,000 more than for the last week in March. The United Provinces stand second on the list with 15,000 deaths for the last week of March, 15,000 deaths for the week ended April 6, 24,000 for the 13th, and 19,000 for the 20th. Calcutta alone accounts for 166 deaths for the last week in March, 290 for the week ended April 6, 383 for the 13th, and 324 for the 20th. For the past month almost half the deaths at Calcutta were from plague.

The following is received from Consul Michael at Calcutta, under date of April 17:

Plague has been spreading very rapidly, even extending to Darjeeling, a hill station in the Himalayas, 7,500 feet above sea level.

The principal increase is in Bengal and the Punjab, the former showing an increase of 2,362 deaths and the latter an increase of 6,571 deaths.

The following was received to-day from Darjeeling:

Plague first occurred at Ghoom about March 20, in the persons of 2 native arrivals from Chapra. It extended to 2 or 3 contacts. No further cases occurred, but the disease subsequently broke out in the adjoining cantonment of Jalapahar, in the hospital, in a native doctor who had attended one of the Ghoom cases, and from this case 3 other persons were infected.

About 70 deaths a day from plague are occurring at Calcutta.

ITALY.

Report from Naples—Recurrence of smallpox at Torre Annunziata—Status of smallpox.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McLaughlin reports, May 8, the recurrence of smallpox, from the same foci of infection, at Torre Annunziata, with 13 cases and 2 deaths. Three cases are reported as of the confluent form, and 1 death was from hemorrhagic smallpox. Rigorous measures of disinfection are carried out by the sanitary authorities and general vaccination is enforced.

Status of smallpox.—Week ended May 9, 1907. Perinaldo, 2 cases; Apricale (Porto Manrizio), 1; Genoa, 1; Alassio (Genoa), 1; Turin 3, Venaria Reale (Turin), 1; Milan, 1; Vaprio d'Ogogna, 2; Livorno Vercellese (Novara), 1; Formia (Caserta), 17; Torre Annunziata (Naples), 1; Montoro Superiore, 1; Guaglietta (Avellino), 1; Pontellera (Trapani), 16; Carloforte (Cagliari) 1.

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports:

Number of emigrants per steamship *Nippon Maru*, sailing May 1, 1907, recommended for rejection: For San Francisco, 2; for Honolulu, 4.